

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).



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RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously Filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Request for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other:

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,810.00 enclosed.
- b. ☒ If payment in the appropriate amount is not enclosed, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper, including the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), any extension of time fees (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) necessary to render the RCE timely, and any suspension fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089

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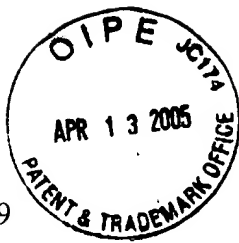
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SERVICE METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of October 13, 2004, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 13, 2005, and for which a three month extension of time is being requested, applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the present submission and a supplemental IDS.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Reply.